

Good afternoon Julie,

I am a landscape estimator in Southern California and I have several points to make with regards to the above referenced Ordinance.

1. DD Pagano, an irrigation designer in our area with over 50 years experience, took his designs which utilize virtually no drip irrigation, did the math and proved to the satisfaction of our water district, Irvine Ranch Water District, that utilizing designs with approximately 4 shrubs per head required less total gallons than any other design. We have installed dozens of apartment complexes with just that design here in Irvine, CA. None of these sites has ever been billed at "penalty" or "excessive" rates. Obviously there is more than one way to skin a cat. Why do your proposals seek to limit the methods of reduction instead of just the reductions?
2. How come farms are not required to water at night and why are we as a state the #1 exporter of rice, which requires flood irrigation? Flood irrigation is, factually speaking, the most inefficient method of irrigation.
3. What about reclaimed water? What about municipality required water windows? How are we going to irrigate a site with one POC and 400 stations if we cant get the precip rate above 1" per hour? We don't need more water to irrigate it we just need water to be supplied at the optimal rate at the optimal time of day for the optimal amount of time in order to increase efficiency.

Legislation is not going to solve this problem, a large snowpack will but short of that why would anyone propose these things knowing that none of them are any solution. Thank you for your time

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